

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Confirmation No. 8056

Atty. Dkt.: 4662-229

Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: R.O. Winston

For: INDUSTRIAL PROCESS FOR β-LACTAM ANTIBIOTICS USING

CHEMICALLY DEFINED MEDIA

PETITION TO EXTEND

December 14, 2006

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

DE LAAT et al.

Appln. No. 09/982,474

Filed: October 17, 2001

Sir:

Petition is hereby made to extend the life of the subject application for three months from the initial due date of September 14, 2006.

A fee of \$1020.00 for the three-month extension is attached so this application is pending when-a divisional application is filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed to our Account No. 14-1140 under Matter No. 4662-229/GRT. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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